

Gifts, Grants and Bequests

The Stafford County School Division as a corporate body established by law in the Commonwealth of Virginia by action of the school board may accept any devise, bequest, grant, endowment, or donation of any property, real or personal.

The school board reserves the right to specify the manner in which gifts are made, to define the type of gift or grant which it deems appropriate and to reject those it deems inappropriate or unsuitable.

Gifts, grants and bequests shall:

1. Be free of all restrictions.
2. Be deemed fitting and appropriate.
3. Contain no overt advertising or reflect commercial interests
4. Include installation costs unless waived by the superintendent.
5. Not require excessive maintenance or personnel training costs.

The superintendent, on behalf of the school board, shall formally acknowledge receipt of gifts, grants and bequests made to the division. Gifts, grants, or bequests valued in excess of \$1000 will be reported to the school board.

All gifts made by patrons or students to a school or classroom must be approved by the building principal and if valued over \$100 such gifts shall be approved by the superintendent or his designee prior to acceptance. Such gifts become the property of the school division

Legal Reference: (1980)

Code of Va., §22.1-126. Property given, devised or bequeathed to school board.—"When any real or personal property is given, devised or bequeathed to any school board or for public school purposes, it shall be vested in the school board unless inconsistent with the terms of the gift, devise or bequest and shall be managed and applied by the school board according to the wishes of the donor or testator. The school board shall, in addition to the

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regular settlement which it is required to make of all school funds, settle annually before the commissioner of accounts so far as the management of the property so bequeathed or devised is concerned, and the court having jurisdiction shall have the right to compel such a settlement, as is provided for in § 26-18.

In the case of any change in the boundaries of any school division, the school board shall make provision for continuing the fulfillment of the purposes of such donor or testator as far as practicable and settlement shall be made as provided for above."

Adopted by School Board: March 24, 1987